

# State of North Carolina



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GOVERNOR

## SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION AWARENESS DAY

2008

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

### A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, soil and water are two of our state's most essential natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the quality of life of all of our citizens depends on wise stewardship and conservation of our soil and water resources; and

WHEREAS, native North Carolinian Hugh Hammond Bennett was instrumental in establishing the conservation district system that now spans the nation; and

WHEREAS, for more than 70 years, North Carolina's Soil and Water Conservation Districts have provided services and assistance to landowners and communities in conserving these precious resources and sustaining our working lands; and

WHEREAS, the success of North Carolina's conservation efforts are indeed measurable through improved water quality, establishment of conservation easements, increased farmland protection and use of progressive agricultural technologies; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned achievements are attributable to the programs of the state's Soil and Water Conservation Districts; and

WHEREAS, Soil and Water Conservation Districts continue to effectively meet the need to educate our citizens of all ages about conserving soil and water resources;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL F. EASLEY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 28, 2008, as "**SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION AWARENESS DAY.**" I urge our citizens to recognize the great significance of our soil and water resources, and I commend North Carolina's 96 Soil and Water Conservation Districts in their efforts to help citizens preserve these valuable resources for generations to come.



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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capital of Raleigh this thirty-first day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand and eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-second.